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SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT - POSSIBLE SEIZURE F/V COSTA DE NORVEGA/  
EDEL (SP)

FOL RPT COMDT COGARD WASHDC DTG 102330Z APR 78 SENT ACTION  
SECSTATE INFO WHITE HOUSE SIT ROOM, DEPT OF JUSTICE,  
DEPT OF TRANS, DEPT OF COMMERCE, NMFS WASHDC, COMMCUSTOMS WASHDC,  
INS WASHDC, USCFC VIGOROUS, JCS WASHDC, CNO WASHDC,  
NMCC WASHDC, NOSIC SUITLAND MD, COMLANTAREA COGARD NY,  
CCGDTREE NY & CCGDFIVE PORTSMOUTH VA

QUOTE: UNCLAS E F T O  
LAW ENFORCEMENT- POSSIBLE SEIZURE F/V COSTA DE NORVEGA/EDEL (SP)  
1. U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER VIGOROUS BOARDING PARTY HAS FOUND  
THE SPANISH FISHING VESSEL COSTA DE NORVEGA TO BE IN  
VIOLATION OF THE FCMA (16 USC 1857) BY FISHING WITH  
UNDERSIZED NET (50 CFR 611.50(C)), AND SEVERAL COUNTS  
FISHING WITHIN TWO MILES OF BROADCAST FIXED GEAR AREA/100-200  
FATHOM CURVE (50 CFR 611.50E)), AND FAILURE TO REPORT GEAR  
CONFLICT INCIDENTS (50 CFR 611.11(C)).  
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LOCATION: APPROXIMATELY 80 MILES SOUTH OF NANTUCKET ISLAND  
WITHIN NW ATLANTIC FISHING AREA FIVE AT POSITION 39-56.9N 69-45W.  
2. SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION RELATIVE TO FISHERY CONSERVATION/  
MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRENGTH OF TH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE ARE  
COLLECTIVELY VIEWED BY COGARD, NMFS, AND DOJ AS WARRANTING  
APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS PROVIDED BY 16 USC 1859 AND/OR 16 USC 1860.  
REQUEST CONCURRENCE IN THE SEIZURE OF THIS VESSEL FOR VIOLATION

OF THE FCMA.

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION GUIDANCE INVITED. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, INTEND TO RESPOND FACTUALLY TO SPECIFIC QUERIES ON COAST GUARD ACTIONS TO NEWS MEDIA AND OTHER SOURCES. ADDITIONALLY, COGARD RELEASE OF CASE INFORMATION WILL BE WITHIN LIMITS OF APPLICABLE LOCAL COURT RULES FOR THE FED DIST COURT TO WHICH THE CASE WOULD LIKELY BE REFERRED. UNQUOTE VANCE

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